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In re Application of: CIACCI Paolo Lorenzo *et al.*

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For: VARIABLE-GEOMETRY TURBINE STATOR  
BLADE, PARTICULARLY FOR AIRCRAFT  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application,  
Applicants hereby request the following:

**AMENDMENTS:**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification in the following manner:

On page 1, please insert the following section and paragraph just before the original section "BACKGROUND OF INVENTION" and paragraph (1):

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority under 35 USC §119 to application number TO 2002A 000699, filed on August 6, 2002 in Italy.